

COACHES & PLAYERS CODE OF CONDUCT

The Knightdale Parks & Recreation Department recognizes the important contribution of the coaches at each level of the youth sports program. A coach's influence during the formative years of hundreds of youth involved in this program is immeasurable. It also is reflective in later years, not only in athletic abilities that are developed, but also in the more important traits of character that will be a part of each individual for life.

Coaches have a responsibility to teach the basics of their sport and to provide an organized and controlled team approach to a recreational program, as well as the responsibility to teach the strategy of the game. They also have a more important responsibility to provide leadership for the development of sportsmanship, self-confidence, and competitiveness with a sense of fair play, teamwork, and humbleness in victory and a stout heart in defeat.

Coaching is a privilege and coaches must be expected to assume all of the responsibilities associated with working with these young people for their total development. Winning games is secondary to the other aspects of the program. Any conduct by coaches that is detrimental to the overall development of the young people will not be permitted and any action by any coach that is deemed to be improper will be dealt with as set forth there under.

Any of the following actions by coaches or players while coaching playing or watching in the Knightdale Parks and Recreation Department program shall be considered improper and could be grounds for censure, reprimand, suspension or dismissal at the discretion of the Athletic Program Supervisor, Site Supervisor and/or the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board.

ALL PLAYERS & COACHES SHALL BE GUIDED BY THE FOLLOWING:

1. No coach or player shall refuse to abide by an official's decision.
2. No coach or player shall be guilty of objectionable demonstration or dissent at an official's decision by throwing the ball or other equipment.
3. No coach shall teach or condone the act of unnecessary roughness or unsportsmanlike conduct.
4. No player shall be guilty of unsportsmanlike play during practice or games.
5. No coach or player shall be guilty of verbal abuse upon an opposing coach, official, player, spectator or departmental employee or the use of profanity at any time.

6. No coach shall at any time, push, strike or threaten to strike a player, official or staff member.
7. No player shall be guilty of extreme verbal abuse as a threat upon any official, player, coach, spectator or departmental employee.
8. No player or coach shall be guilty as an aggressor upon any official, player, coach, spectator or department official.

If any coach or player breaks the rules herein, Knightdale Parks & Recreation reserves the right to suspend that coach or player indefinitely.

EJECTION PENALTY

A coach ejected from a game will serve a two game suspension. A player ejected will serve a one game suspension. Forfeits and games that must be rescheduled do not count. The suspension must be served during a game the team plays.

In some cases, coach/player may be permanently suspended from league play for the remainder of the season and if warranted, from all programs offered by the Knightdale Parks & Recreation Department.